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Hon. Scott S. Harris
Clerk of the Court
Supreme Court of the United States
1 First Street, N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20543

Re: Request to Hold Petition for Certiorari in *Thaler v. Perlmutter*, No. 25-449 (U.S.)

Dear Mr. Harris,

Counsel for Petitioner, Dr. Stephen Thaler, respectfully requests that the Court hold consideration of the petition for a writ of certiorari in *Thaler v. Perlmutter*, No. 25-449 (U.S.) pending the resolution of *Blanche v. Perlmutter* (docket no. to be determined) and *Trump v. Slaughter* (docket no. to be determined). A short administrative hold or a hold through disposition of those matters will materially aid the Court's review and avoid unnecessary or inconsistent rulings in an area of rapidly evolving law and policy. The *Blanche* and *Slaughter* cases consider whether Director Perlmutter, a named party in the matter for which Dr. Thaler filed a Petition, shall continue in her position at the Copyright Office. As such, it has significant relevance for the outcome of the instant matter, particularly because her termination appears to be related to her stance on copyright for works created by artificial intelligence, which is the focus of Dr. Thaler's case.

The Trump Administration and members of Congress have criticized Perlmutter's AI-and-copyright policies, and several recent fair-use rulings appear in tension with those policies. Until that conflict is reconciled—whether by the courts, the Administration, or Congress—proceeding in *Thaler* risks entrenching rules that may soon be superseded or materially revised.

The caption and roles of the parties in *Thaler* therefore warrant clarification. The identity of the real party in interest and the proper respondent posture may be clarified by proceedings in *Blanche*, reducing threshold complications in *Thaler*.

For these reasons, Dr. Thaler respectfully asks the Court to hold the petition in *Thaler v. Perlmutter*, No. 25-449 (U.S.) until the Court resolves *Blanche v. Perlmutter* and *Trump v. Slaughter*. Thus, Dr. Thaler's request for a short hold will conserve judicial resources and promote consistency.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ryan Abbott", is placed above the typed name.

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